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THIS is a sweet and exceedingly palatable jelly easily retained and digested by the most delicate stomach. Children speedily grow fond of it and ask for more, and although it contains 50 per cent of the purest Cod Liver Oil, all its taste and flavour is entirely covered.

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WE invite attention to the following Brands, all of which are excellent quality and good value for the money.

The wine being specially selected by our London House, and bought direct from the most noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best goods at moderate prices.

In ordering is only necessary to state the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality desired.

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	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule.....	\$10	\$1.00
B Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule.....	12	1.10
C Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule.....	14	1.25
D Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled).....	18	1.50

SHERRIES.

A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule.....	6	0.60
B Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule.....	7.50	0.75
C Mammillio Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule.....	10	1.00
CC Superior Old Dry Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule.....	10	1.10
D Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice old Wine, White Seal Capsule.....	12	1.10
E Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very fine quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled).....	14	1.25

CLARETS.

A Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule.....	4	\$4.50
B St. Estephe, Red Capsule.....	4.50	5.00
C St. Julien, Red Capsule.....	7	7.50
D La Rose, Red Capsule.....	11	12.00

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FULL PARTICULARS OF THE VARIOUS BRANDS IN STOCK ON APPLICATION.

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A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule.....	\$13	\$1.20
B Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule.....	15	1.40
C Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule.....	20	1.75
D Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1873 Vintage, Red Capsule.....	30	2.50

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule.....	8	0.75
B Watson's Glenlivet, Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule.....	8	0.75
C Watson's Aboulo-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark.....	8	0.75
D Watson's H K D Blend of the Finest Scotch Whiskies, Violet Capsule.....	10	1.00
E Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule.....	12	1.10

IRISH WHISKY.

A John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule.....	8	0.75
B John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule.....	10	1.00
C John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule.....	12	1.10
Genuine Bourbon Whisky, fine old, Red Capsule, with Name.....	10	1.00

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A Fine Old Tom, White Capsule.....	4.50	0.40
B Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule.....	4.50	0.40
C Fine A. V. H. Geneva.....	5.25	0.50

RUM.

Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule..... 12 1.00

Good Lecward Island..... \$1.50 per Gallon.

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Benedictine, Maraschino, Curacao, Heering's Cherry Cordial, Chartreuse, Dr. Sager's Angostura Bitters, &c.

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OFFICIAL EFFICIENCY (P).

BALZAC is credited with the saying that "no one stays in the Government offices, under a bureaucracy, but idlers, incapables, and fools." And Balzac knew what he was talking about. Can this scathing criticism be fairly applied to the majority of the Government officers of Hongkong? Let us investigate. It will be admitted without discussion that the Government of this colony is a very powerfully-organised bureaucracy, with the Governor as a nominal head. Each department is independent, and ruled over by a chief whose powers are practically autocratic. Sir John Potts Hennessy temporarily checked this system and insisted on personally directing the working and bearing the responsibilities of the several public departments; but after his departure things were allowed to drift back into the old groove, and successive governors and administrators during the past ten years have been mere mouthpieces of their superiors. The results of the change have not been encouraging so far as the interests of the community are concerned, as is very clearly evidenced by the lengthy chapter of gross misgovernment, ridiculous legislation, and scandalous extravagance in dealing with public moneys which is open to inspection in the archives of the Government and the columns of the daily newspapers. No doubt it would be unjust to say that all the responsible officers of the Hongkong Government are idlers, incapables, or fools; but it is equally certain that a very large majority of them can fairly and honestly be classified under one of these three heads, and the truth of this assertion is all but universally recognised. To-morrow we intend to lay before the readers of the *Telegraph* the facts in connection with the disgraceful Opium Farm bungling, a fiasco that, owing to the ignorance or incapacity of certain "honorable" officials who posed as inspired authorities on that important source of revenue, has cost the colony something in the neighbourhood of \$60,000 per annum at the very lowest estimate; and in the meantime we will briefly relate a series of incidents in another matter of importance which will show how efficiently the colony is served by its vaunted high officials.

The Government Grants-in-aid to our local schools for the past year, amounted to something like \$22,000, and on the 9th of February, Dr. E. J. EITZ, the Inspector of Schools, sent in detailed accounts and statements to the Audit Office. It appears that the routine is for the Audit Office to forward the accounts to the Colonial Secretary's department, then they are laid before the Governor for signature, and afterwards returned to the Treasury for payment. In any properly conducted commercial establishment all of this would have been carried through in the course of a few hours, but the *TRAFFIC* BARRACADES of the Government offices are not business men, and their functions, if we may judge from their actions, and parrot-like chatter, are mostly of an ornamental character. At all events a week passed and there was no sign of the Grant-in-aid accounts; the week became a fortnight, the fortnight a month—and then the patience of the persons to whom the money was due became exhausted, and complaints were made, which led to official inquiries. But Dr. EITZ's report and statement of accounts had as completely vanished as did friend JONAH when he became an inside passenger to the over-to-be-remember whale of biblical tradition. The Auditor had done his duty by promptly forwarding the documents to the Colonial Secretary, and then they disappeared—whether lost, or pigeon-holed, or something else, is a matter of uncertainty—but they disappeared and left no trace behind. It was then suggested that the Inspector of Schools should furnish a duplicate, and doubtless that, although a work of considerable magnitude, was the only way out of the difficulty. But what about the gross and inexcusable carelessness displayed by responsible Government officials in a matter of such general interest and importance? Are these pampered public servants to be allowed to go scotchless for such scandalous neglect of duty? In any bank or commercial house conducted on business principles, an officer guilty of such culpable negligence would be summarily dismissed; in the Hongkong Government service the delinquents—who were probably fooling about for their own amusement instead of attending to the work for which they are so liberally remunerated—will probably get a thirty-three per cent. increase of salary and an extra year's holiday on half-pay.

On Saturday last a Chinaman who was loafing about Gan-tin Road aroused by his curious comments the suspicion of Detective Hadden, who went for him and after a long chase caught him. The prisoner resisted violently, kicking, biting, and struggling desperately. A lady who saw the affair evidently thought that Mr. Hadden (who was in plain clothes) was some private individual simply enjoying himself; for she stood by waving her umbrella and shrieking at him "cruel monster!" and "brutal ruffian!" and so on, winding up, as the detective at last marched off with his man, by yelling after him, "You scoundrel, you ought to be ashamed of yourself!" The officer, bleeding in several places and exhausted with his toils, landed the man in the lock-up and it was found that there was a clear charge of theft against him, and that he had only that day returned from banishment, contrary to law. On being tried before the magistrate he engaged a lawyer, who proved that he was of unsound mind. Yesterday the prisoner's friends undertook to guarantee his removal and safe keeping away from the Colony, and security having been given the lunatic was allowed to go. Nothing more has been heard from the indignant lady.

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

	Inward.	Outward.
Freight.....	steamer, from Holbow.	
Haiphong.....	steamer, from Fochow, &c.	
C. Hoek Kian.....	steamer, from Singapore.	
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Gwalior.....	steamer, from Bombay, &c.	
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THE German gunboat *Itz* was at Amoy when the Douglas Co.'s steamer *Haiphong* left for Hongkong on the 9th instant.

We would direct special attention to a Grand Afternoon Performance to be given at Bowrington by Woodyear's Circus to-morrow, commencing at 3 p.m.

THE Douglas Co's steamer *Fokien*, Capt. W. Dault, left for Formosa this afternoon, carrying a large number of miners for the Patos gold fields.

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Dowdell, Canill & Co.) that the "Shure" Line steamer *Danboghair* left Singapore for this port to-day, and is due on or about the 17th inst.

Kind-hearted Lady (visiting the gaol)—and what are you here for, my poor man?

Mr. Booser (in a tone of melancholy)—For six months, madam.

A PARTY of Australian alluvial miners arrived at Singapore the other day, en route to Jelabu, where they are to assist in working the Jelabu Co.'s alluvial deposits.

UNLESS the veracity of New York Journalists is to be doubted, a man in Michigan has been found sleeping for a matter of 150 days. Perhaps he is a Government official taking his holidays.

We hear that the Talkies Refinery is once more at a partial stand still owing to lack of water. Half the boilers are in use, however, and should rain fall within the next few days the loss to the shareholders will not be very great at all.

TWENTY-FOUR warships of all classes are now in course of construction in the United States. There should be no hesitation in promptly completing the navy with the best modern type of vessels, large enough to enable the country to properly display its flag in all seas.

EVANGELIST Moody objects to church fairs "where any girl can be kissed for twenty-five cents." He is the only person, thus far known, who objects to the price. If it is not worth twenty-five cents to kiss a girl to further the cause of religion, and aid in lifting the mortgage on the church, it is not worth a cent, and Mr. Moody, when he attends a fair of that denomination, should patronize only the five-cent grab-bag.

A TEMPERANCE orator was at a supper the other evening. Opposite to him sat a well-known divine of the Church of Scotland. "Do you not think it wrong for men in your position to set so bad an example by drinking alcohol?" asked the orator. "No," replied the divine, "I only follow Scripture." "How so?" questioned the orator. "Why, the Bible says," replied the divine, "wine maketh glad the heart of man, but with water do the wild asses quench their thirst."

A HONGKONG correspondent of the *Broad Arrow*, evidently a military man, suggests that Britain should re-occupy Port Hamilton and annex Formosa. He says that Formosa is a natural coal station, which we may live to see in other hands. He further states that "Hongkong as a garrison is at present a satirical commentary upon itself," which is rather rough on the local taxpayers after the big contribution to the defences of the island and the annual military imposition of £40,000.

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THE Car is credited with having a daily income of \$25,000. He would be a very useful man in "busted-up" Hongkong just at present.

THERE was only a limited attendance at Woodyear's Circus last night, but nevertheless a really excellent programme was gone through with great spirit, and was enthusiastically received. "Good day, Boss," and several other popular items, being heartily enjoyed. Owing to a difficulty having cropped up at the eleventh hour, preventing the Company from performing in Canton as arranged, a few more performances will be given at Bowrington, particulars of which will be found in our advertising columns. An exceptionally good show is promised for to-night.

THE *Diario de Manila* of February 27th says that the coast steamer *N. S. del Carmen* has brought back from Balabac the members of the Lighthouse Commission, who have been inspecting all the light-houses at work or in course of construction in the southern part of the Philippine Islands. While visiting the neighbourhood of the Unsuran Islands (Balabac Strait) they saw the abandoned British barque *Argyle* whose wreck was reported recently, the crew having already arrived here. The Spanish gunboats *Atendano* and *Calamian*, stationed in those waters, were standing by the wreck, to render any assistance required. The barque was bound from Iloilo to Montreal, with a full cargo of sugar which is now entirely destroyed; but the vessel herself may be saved.

WITHIN five years, says a Wisconsin paper, more whaling-boats will go around Cape Horn in a year than any other class of vessels, because they will make a steamship's time and carry a sailor's cargo. The round trip of a sailing vessel between New York and San Francisco, including loading and unloading, consumes the better part of a year, nine months being quick work. Carries range in value from \$100,000 to \$250,000. The rate per ton is about \$750. The *Charles W. Whitman* has made the trip to Europe in thirty days, with a cargo valued at \$450,000 on an expense account of less than \$1,800; the freight paying a passage (figuring at going rates) of \$20,000. The round trip, including loading and unloading, could therefore be made in five to six months, or one-half the time of the sailer, and short stoppages made at intermediate ports, something the sailing vessel does not attempt.

REFERRING to "Gendarme's" letter regarding the forthcoming Athletic Sports, published in our issue of the 4th inst., "P.C." writes:—"Gendarme" does not know enough. The Police would not be allowed to enter a team for the tug-of-war in our sports on the 12th inst. These sports are for amateurs only and in the matter of a tug-of-war the "bobbies" must be looked upon as professionals. The "Acting Dominions of the Force" is, I am quite sure, always ready to encourage true sportsmen. We fail to follow "P.C."s" contention, that so far as the tug-of-war is concerned, the Police must be regarded as professionals. If they are qualified to enter for the other events, they are equally eligible for the tug-of-war. There is a great deal too much of this contemptible snobbery carried on in connection with public pastimes in this colony, and the quicker it is put a stop to the better it will be for those superior gentlemen amateurs, who arrogate to themselves exclusive rights and privileges to which they have no claim whatever.

AT the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on Monday next, at 3 p.m. the following will be the business:

Financial Minutes.

Finance Committee Reports Nos. 2 and 3.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

First reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to give effect to the change in name and style of the Surveyor General and Surveyor General's Department."

Second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the grant in this Colony of Letters Patent for Inventions."

Second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make further provision as to the issue of Night Passes for Chinese."

Second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend Ordinances No. 3 of 1860, No. 15 of 1885, and No. 17 of 1891 in relation to the power of the Governor in Council to grant certain licences."

Note—A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held immediately after the meeting of the Legislative Council.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. Justice Fielding Clarke.)

March 11th.

A CIRCUIT IN THE COURT.

Bala Singh, a watchman, sued S. Reich, manager of Woodyear's Circus, for \$12 wages due. The defence was that plaintiff had not earned the money, as through his gross negligence a coil of rope valued at \$60 had been stolen. Evidence having been given on both sides, His Lordship said that the proper way to meet plaintiff's action was to enter a cross action for damages through negligence. In the present position, judgment must be given for the plaintiff, with stay of execution for a week in order to allow the Circus proprietors to sue on their counterclaim.

THE CHARGE AGAINST THE OPIUM FARMER.

At the Magistrate's afternoon Koh Cheng San, late tenant of the opium monopoly, appeared again on remand, charged with embezzlement of over \$10,000. As before, Mr. Francis prosecuted and Mr. Denny's defended.

Choi Tien Su, assistant cashier, was further examined by

